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7 December 1950

Major General William J. Donovan
Two Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear General:

Your file containing correspondence with General Smith is returned herewith. Many thanks for all you are doing to help us, and be sure to let me know when you are in Washington. I enjoyed and derived great benefits from our talks on the plane and in New York, and we are going ahead in the development of a number of the ideas which you expressed to me.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Return Receipt requested

WILLIAM H. JACKSON
Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

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29 November 1950

Major General William J. Donovan
Two Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear General:

The material from [] which you forwarded to me with your memorandum of November 3rd has been passed on to the appropriate people here. This is a matter with which we have been actively concerned for some time, and we have, in fact, previously received copies of the propaganda material which [] enclosed.

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Mr. [] of course, does not know and should not know what we are doing along these lines. I am enclosing a draft of a suggested reply to his note which may be helpful to you.

The next time I see you, I will tell you in more detail about this very interesting activity.

With best personal regards,

Very sincerely,

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WILLIAM H. JACKSON
Deputy Director of
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30 NOV 1948

General William J. Donovan
Donovan, Leisure, Newton, Lumbard & Irvine
2 Wall Street
New York 5, New York

Dear General Donovan:

We are most anxious to close the work on the OSS War Report. I understand that you would like to look over the prepared report again before forwarding your completed comments. Accordingly the reports are forwarded herewith for your further study.

I realize that a further study of the reports is an imposition on your time but would greatly appreciate your full comments at the earliest practicable date.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

and keep them
R. H. MILLENKOETTER
Rear Admiral, USN

Director of Central Intelligence

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From: THE EVENING SUN
Baltimore, Md.
22 May 1948

CIVILIAN FAVORED FOR CIA POST

The head of Central Intelligence Authority, in the opinion of William J. Donovan, wartime major general and director of the Office of Strategic Services, should be a civilian.

He intends no reflection on the record of Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, present head of CIA, which co-ordinates this country's intelligence program, General Donovan was careful to say. No military mind, however, can adequately gauge the breadth of subversive aims currently pursued by Soviet Russian civilian agencies throughout the democratic world, he said.

General Donovan was here last night to help organize a Baltimore chapter of Veterans of Strategic Services, of which he is permanent honorary national president. Some 45 former members of OSS meeting in the Association of Commerce Building, heard him speak.

"POSITIVE ACTION" NEEDED

Furthermore, General Donovan declared, many military leaders with whom he has talked also favor civilian control for CIA.

He said that V.S.S. had no intention whatever of rivaling CIA, but rather of ultimately strengthening it. At this very moment, however, he said there was need of "more positive action" on the part of CIA in some fields, particularly concerning the European Recovery Program.

General Donovan cited the work of a native Baltimorean, and wartime OSS official, David K. E. Bruce, as head of E.R.P. for France, and warned of open declarations by NKVD, the Cominform and other Communist agencies of their intent to defeat the work of E.R.P. by any means available.

"CUT ITS OWN THROAT"

"OSS cut its own throat", General Donovan said, referring to its dissolution in September, 1945, as "perhaps the first time in this country's history when a Government agency voluntarily liquidated itself."